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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ALGERIAN MAN SENTENCED FOR  
LYING ABOUT AL QAEDA PLOT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that AHMED ALLALI, 37, Algerian national who resided in Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to 3 counts of Making a False Statement to a Federal Agency. This case was the result of a 3 month investigation by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

AL-LALI was sentenced for lying to the FBI - JTTF when he told them that he knew and, in the late 1990's, resided overseas with members of the Al Qaeda terrorist network. AL-LALI also is alleged to have lied to the FBI – JTTF when he told them that he traveled into the United States in 1998 with Al Qaeda members and that early this year there was an Al Qaeda operational cell in the United States that was planning to detonate bombs in five major U.S. cities in early 2005.

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, commended the work of the Joint Terrorism Task Force and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for their quick resolution of what appeared at the beginning as an extremely important report. Brooks stated, “The agents that started the investigation work tirelessly to determine the validity and scope of the reported events. They were diligent in attempting to determine the whereabouts and intentions of an Al Qaeda cell in this country. They were equally diligent in investigating the falsity of these allegations. Persons who bring forth false information impede our ability to identify those who may be planning future acts of terrorism. False reports drain already overburdened public safety agencies as well as create undue alarm at a time in this country where there is legitimate concern.”

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sharon M. Jackson, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following ALLALI's release from imprisonment.

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